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SUBJ: COLOMBIAN APPLICATION FOR PROVISIONAL ACCESSION

TO GATT

REF: BOGOTA 1104

1. GATT DOCUMENT L/3977 OF FEBRUARY 12 CIRCULATES APPEAL BY COLOMBIA THAT ITS REQUEST FOR PROVISIONAL ACCESSION TO GATT BE GIVEN FURTHER CONSIDERATION, AS ANTICIPATED IN REFTEL. COLOMBIAN STATEMENT NOTES THAT ORIGINAL APPLICATION FOR ACCESSION MADE IN 1968 BUT "IMPORTANT MODIFICATIONS AND REORIENTATIONS OF COLOMBIA'S ECONOMIC POLICY" PREVENTED PURSUIT OF OBJECTIVE. THEY REQUEST PROVISIONAL ACCESSION NOW AND INTEND MOVE TOWARD FULL ACCESSION BY CARRYING OUT TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS WHICH NORMALLY PRECEDE ACCESSION UNDER ARTICLE XXXIII DURING MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. COPY GATT DOCUMENT POUCHED BOGOTA FOR INFO.

2. GATT SECRETARIAT (VAN TUINEN) REPORTS MATTER WILL BE CONSIDERED BY COUNCIL AT ITS NEXT MEETING, PROBABLY LATE MARCH, AT WHICH TIME WORKING PARTY FORMED IN 1969 CAN
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BE ASKED RESUME ITS WORK. ORIGINAL COLOMBIAN REQUEST FOR

ACCESSION (L/3162, 31 DECEMBER 1968) LED TO FORMATION OF
WORKING PARTY WHICH NEVER MET. COLOMBIA HAS PROMISED
CIRCULATE UPDATED MEMORANDUM ON FOREIGN TRADE REGIME.

3. RECOMMEND WE WELCOME RENEWED COLOMBIAN INTEREST IN
GATT ACCESSION AND SUPPORT RESUMPTION OF WORKING PARTY.
IF UPDATED COLOMBIAN MEMO BECOMES AVAILABLE SUFFICIENTLY IN
ADVANCE OF MARCH COUNCIL MEETING, U.S. (AND OTHERS) MAY BE
ABLE DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT MEMO SUFFICIENTLY DETAILED TO OBVIATE
NEED FOR WRITTEN QUESTION AND ANSWER PROCEDURE IN ADVANCE OF
WORKING PARTY. DALE

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